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TNPSC BITS

- ❖ Tamil Nadu government launched its investment promotion campaign for 'Global Investors Meet 2019' to be held in January next year.
 - It had earlier organised the First edition of Global Investors Meet in September 2015.
- ❖ Jharkhand government introduced electric vehicles for official use. Thus, Jharkhand has become the fifth state of India and the first state in eastern India to procure the eco-friendly vehicles for government use.
 - Prior to Jharkhand, the governments of Delhi, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have procured electric cars for official purpose.
- ❖ Punjab assembly passed the Punjab Land Improvement Schemes (Haryana Amendment) Bill, 2018. It aimed to facilitate farmers for laying out underground pipeline for irrigation purposes passing through the fields of other farmers.
- ❖ China is planning a bullet train service between Kunming and Kolkata. It will pass through neighbouring countries like Myanmar and Bangladesh.
- ❖ World Economic Forum on ASEAN (WEF ASEAN) themed “ASEAN 4.0: Entrepreneurship and the Fourth Industrial Revolution” started in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- ❖ Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO), along with the Andhra Pradesh tourism department conducted its 34th annual convention at Visakhapatnam.
 - Theme of the convention is 'Mission: 20 million Tourists by 2020, challenges and possibilities’.
- ❖ Manoj Jhalani has been conferred with the prestigious UN Interagency Task Force (UNIATF) Award for his outstanding contribution towards prevention and control of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and related Sustainable Development Goals.
- ❖ Former Indian hockey captain Sardar Singh announced his retirement from the sport.
- ❖ Lucknow Municipal Corporation launched an anti-open defecation campaign, titled "Khule me shauch ki ghanti bajao - siti bajao" (whistleblowing campaign against open defecation).
- ❖ IIT-Kharagpur has signed a pact with Carleton University of Canada to support research collaboration, capacity building and other academic partnerships.

- ❖ Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities organised a 'National Conference of District Disability Rehabilitation Centres' at New Delhi.
- ❖ Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare launched the Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund (DIDF).
- ❖ Nepal army is set to participate in Sagarmatha Friendship-2, a second joint military exercise with china.
 - Recently Nepal withdrew from the first ever joint military drill by Bimstec countries.

NATIONAL

NSP Mobile App

- ❖ Union Minister for Minority Affairs launched country's first National Scholarship Portal mobile app.



National Scholarship Portal A Digital India Programme Initiative

- ❖ It will ensure a "smooth, accessible and hassle-free scholarship system for students from poor and weaker sections".
- ❖ Students will get all the information regarding various scholarships and also, they can apply for scholarships, upload necessary documents, check the status of their application & scholarship disbursement status etc on this mobile app.

National Water Awards 2018

- ❖ Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation has instituted National Water Awards to 13 categories.

- ❖ It is aimed to encourage all stakeholders to manage their water resources efficiently and create a water consciousness in the country.

Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar and National Safety Awards

- ❖ Minister of State for Labour & Employment (Independent Charge) presented Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar and National Safety Awards for the Performance Year 2013.
- ❖ VRP is awarded in recognition of outstanding suggestions given by a worker or group of workers and implemented by the management during the previous calendar year.
- ❖ The Ministry of Labour & Employment has been operating the “Vishwakarma Rashtriya Puraskar” (Previously known as Shram Vir National Awards) and “National Safety awards” since 1965.
- ❖ NSA is given in recognition of outstanding safety performance of industrial establishments, construction sites, ports and installations under AERB (Atomic Energy Regulatory Board).

First tribal circuit project

- ❖ Union tourism minister inaugurated the country's first tribal circuit project connecting 13 tourism sites in Chhattisgarh.
- ❖ It is implemented under the Tourism Ministry's Swadesh Darshan scheme launched in 2014-15 for development of thematic circuits in the country in a planned and prioritised manner.
- ❖ This is the second project under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme being inaugurated in the country after Imphal & Khongjom.

Capacity Development Scheme

- ❖ Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved continuation of the Capacity Development Scheme for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20.
- ❖ It is an ongoing central sector scheme and aimed to augment infrastructural, technical as well as manpower resources for making available credible and timely official statistics for policy makers and public at large.

- ❖ Capacity Development Scheme has two Sub-schemes, Economic Census and Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS).

INTERNATIONAL

State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2018 Report

- ❖ The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2018 was released recently.
- ❖ It is released by UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ❖ According to the report, number of hungry people in the world is growing & number of undernourished people is estimated to have increased to 821 million in 2017.

STATES

State Commission for Scheduled Castes Bill- 2018

- ❖ Haryana legislative assembly has passed the Haryana State Commission for Scheduled Castes Bill- 2018.
- ❖ It has been passed to provide for the constitution of Commission for Scheduled Castes in the state for the overall development and welfare of scheduled castes and safeguard their interests.
- ❖ It would also check and curb the atrocities being committed on the Scheduled Castes.
- ❖ This commission will investigate and examine the working of various safeguards provided in the Constitution or under any other law in force or under any order of the government.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Hindi Diwas- September 14

- ❖ National Hindi Divas, also known as Hindi Day, is observed on September 14 every year in India.



- ❖ This day is celebrated to propagate Hindi language and its cultural heritage and values among the people of the country and abroad.
 - ❖ On this day, Hindi language was adopted as the official language of the country by the Constituent Assembly of India in 1949.
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